

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested. This application, is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/323,905, filed December 20, 2002. Claims 1-20 and 25 are canceled by way of the present Preliminary Amendment. Claims 21-24 have been written in independent form and new claims 26-28 have been added. Support for the present claim amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following: the original claims and the examples in the specification.

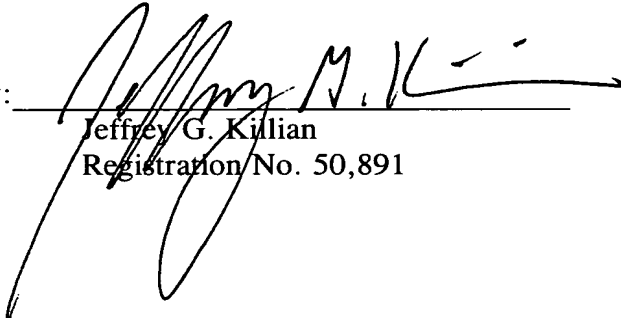
Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

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